

CERTAINE  
ARTICLES  
OR  
ORDINANCES

Made by the

**French Kinge /**

*And the Duke*

**D' ESPERNON,**

To be

Observed by the French Soldyers in the  
ARMY, for the better Government of them.



AT AMSTERDAM,

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1. **H**e that shall steale any Catell shalbe hanged / and the like punishment all Theves that rob howses shall receaved.
2. All those that shall rob any man and kill him / shall be broaken upon a wheele.
3. Who-so-ever he be that doth strike / hurt / or ransome his host or hostes / or any poore people / shalbe hanged.
4. He that is payd his wages / and shall take any thing of his host without payeing for it / by force / and against his will shall be hanged.
5. He that shall be found to be a false wittnes shalbe hanged.
6. He that shall burne / breake / or carrie awaye the howsehould stuffe in the howse where he is lodged / shalbe hanged / and further : the valew of the sayd howsehould stuffe shallbe deducted out of his paye that did it upon the hosts oathe taken / what they were worth / which shalbe arbitrated by the Provost Marshall.
7. He that shall cut downe a fruit tree / or shall breake any Vines branches / shoot at Pigeons in dove coates or when they lie shall be punished with all arbitrable amends for the first time / and the second time with corporall punishment.
8. He that shall have a whore to keep him company in the Campe / shalbe discharged / and the whore whipt.
9. He that shalbe attainted and found to have bin assistant in any crime committed / or seeing it don / did not oppose himself against it nor cald the Neigh-

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hours / to stape the malefactor / shalbe punished corporally.

10. All Capitaines Officers / and Soldyers / shalbe bound every night to sleep in their quarters not only to impeach and hinder the Soldyers from committing any disorders / but also to be reddey to receave such commaundements and commissions as shal be giben them.

11. Wee forbid all soldyers to abandon or leave their quarters / and from going into Villages thereabouts / without leave or commaundement upon paine of death.

12. When the Companies come into a Garrison the Officers of the places shal set a price upon victuals / and take order that the prise thereof be not rased / wherein the Provost Marshal of the place shal assist the Officers.

13. Wee prohibit the constraining of hosts to goe to buy any thing for Soldyers upon paine of death.

14. Wee forbid all Harbingers of Companies to give Billets to any man / whatsoever he bee to long lodg in the Lords howses of the Villages or Parishes that shalbe allotted them to lodg in / nor in ecclesiasticall persons howses / or to lodg more Soldyers in a howse then the number appointed by their Capitaines upon payne for the first fault to be whipt and the second to be hangd.

15. To know and find out the bad actions and faults committed in the quarters that are allotted out wee charge the sayd Harbingers upon payne of death / to make a note every daie of the lodgings that they shall appoint unto Soldyers which they shall upon  
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demmand made by the Provost / Marshall of the  
bandes of cheire Deputies deliver unto them.

16. If it shall fall out / that two Soldyers should  
quarrel / one with the other / he that is next unto the  
shall seperate them / and if they continew and persit  
in the said quarrell / the Soldyers that are nere un-  
to them shall presently advertise the Captaine there-  
of / that he maye commit them to the Provost Mar-  
shall that Justice may be done / and if he that should  
be apprehended seekes to run awaye it shalbe knowne  
in the Captaines rowle where he was quartered /  
that the Officers of the sayd place maye be adver-  
tised / that they may apprehend and keep him in pri-  
son / untill the next muster following shalbe made / to  
be afterward delivered to the Provost Marshall / or  
to cause him to be punished openly in the place as he  
shalbe found to have deserved / or as it shall be  
thought good by advise at the sayd muster.

17. According to the Ordinances aforesayd touching  
foot-men all persons that are under our paye / that  
shalbe taken / and apprehended by any Judges / for  
any action that concernes the sayd militarie ordi-  
nances shalbe sent before the Colonel or his Provost  
Marshall / that Justice maye be don / upon those  
whose honor shalbe chargeable / and in the places  
where there is a Garrison. The knowledg thereof  
shalbe best to him or them / that shall have authori-  
tie to administer Justice among the sayde Soldyers.

18. And for that some persons that are under our  
paye / in the sayd bandes to avoyde punishment ac-  
cording to our Marshall orders / maye seek to in-  
fringe the Jurisdiction of the sayd Provost Mar-

shall / under pretence of naming them selves to be howse houlders / or such like / wee ordaine / that all persons being under our payd in the sayd Landes / their servants and boyes / having committed any crime or offence / the Provost Marshall privilie take knowledg of the rest / and shall Judg them according to our sayd Ordinances / notwithstanding any oppositions / or appellations that they maye make or alldg / and that without respect thereof / he shall proceede to the execution of the Judgment / that shall be given against them / having first taken the advice of the Colonel and Maister of the Campe as the manner is.

19. And for that there are many crimes and publicke offences / that are not named / declared / nor specified / in the Ordinances made for the foot-men. The sayd Provost Marshall of the bands / shall take knowledg thereof / and Judg / and punish the offenders by wapes and punishments / set downe and found in the civill Lawes / and our generall ordinances.

20. When any of the sayd Captaines shall finde any Soldper that breaketh the Ordinances made for the Government of the foot-men / as well of his owne company or an other / he shall deliver him unto the Provost Marshall to doe Justice on him which Captaines and Officers shall ayde and assist the sayd Provost Marshall and deputie where soever they be / and to assist at the executions of Justice with their companies / as the manner is.

21. And where by connivence or otherwise / the Captaines will not assemble / in the absence of the sayd Colonell and Maister of the Campe / to give their



advise/ to Judg any man by the sayd Probost Marshall/ according to our ordinaunces / The processe of offenders which shalbe in his hands / shall by the sayd Probost Marshall/ proceede further to the judgement of those that shalbe called there unto by him / being as counsellors or other graduates / according to our ordinaunces / which he shall cause to be executed / notwithstanding any oppositions or appellations what soever made to the contrarie.

22. And for that under pretence of the sayd bands/ Divers vagabonds and people of no account will retire them selves into the same/ and kepe about them/ that committ divers faults and offences / wee commaund the Probost Marshall / to have an eye and speciall care there unto / as belonging unto his charge.

23. As well the Geoliers and keepers of our prisons and others shall be bound to receave and kepe in their prisons and geoles / such malefactors as the sayd Probost Marshall shall commit unto them / or by his appointment shall be sent thither/ untill definitive sentence shalbe given against them / paying them their fees/ and for their victuales.

24. And touching that which concerneth the civill law/ as obligations/ bills/ or arrests for actions of account/ victuales / or other matters made betweene Captaines/ Soldyers and others of our Subjects / inhabitants of Townes/ Villages/ Marchands/ and Victualers being present / in our marche/ Campes/ Armies or garrisons/ or that are of the sayd bandes/ the Probost Marshall of the same shall doe good / and speedie Justice unto everp one.

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25. Wee prohibite upon payne of death / all Captaines and Soldpers from injuring / or wronging in any manner / either by woord or deed / the Provost Marshalls of our bandes / but to obaye unto that which he shall ordaine for execution of Justice / as being our Magistrate and Officer / nor any of their Deputies Clerkes / or servants / willing that such as are culpable therein shalbe punished / as having resisted our power and authoritie.

26. And to the ende that no Captaine / officer / nor soldper / maye be ignorant of our ordinances and Marshall orders / wee have ordained that all Captaines / shall cause them to be read unto their Soldpers by their Officers / 3 or 4 tymes a moneth / both in the courts of gard / and particularelie / thereby allwayes to hold and retayne them their due obediencce.

27. Wee will and ordaine that the Provost Marshall of our bands / his deputie and servants / shall enioye the same Priviledges / franchises / and liberties / that the Provosts of our trustie and faithfull Marshalls of France / doe.

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